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Windsor House,  
Queen Street,  
Morley.

July, 1960.

To The Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Ossett  
Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my fourth and last Annual Report,  
covering the year ended December 31st, 1959.

Under the scheme of Divisional Health Administration introduced twelve years ago your Medical Officer of Health is also the Divisional Medical Officer for the West Riding County Council's local health services, and has similar functions in the Borough of Morley, the Rural District of Wakefield and the Urban District of Horbury. The scheme has integrated local health and sanitary services at executive level. There has been an automatic improvement of co-ordination and co-operation between sanitary district and county, and more economic and effective use has been made of professional staff. Examples of the easy interchange, where necessary, of staff are the use of County Council health visitors in epidemiological and housing investigations (local sanitary functions) and the assistance given by local public health inspectors in the supervision of problem families (primarily a County Council responsibility).

The Divisional Health Department has indeed been moulded into a compact and efficient unit for the promotion and preservation of the health of a community of over 80,000 people.

The sectionalisation and excessive specialisation so evident in some larger units of local government is absent here. The department works as a team under a single leader, the Divisional Medical Officer of Health, who personally guides every branch of the service and ensures co-ordination. The unit is large enough for the effective organisation of community health services and small enough to ensure the 'personal touch'. Some administrative control of the County Council services, especially in relation to planning, policy and finance, must of course be exercised from County Hall but the Divisional Medical Officer is allowed sufficient autonomy and discretion in his day-to-day handling of the services to ensure the absence of any of the disadvantages of remote control. He also benefits, whether acting as Divisional Medical Officer or as local Medical Officer of Health, from the ready availability of advice from the specialist and other highly-experienced professional and administrative staff which only a large authority like the County Council can afford to employ. The West Riding divisional scheme of administration of health services has an extraordinarily high reputation throughout the country and I personally am proud to have played a part, however small, in its development.

The statistical sections of my report give details of the continued



progress in all fields. Some of the work is singularly unspectacular. Services such as slum clearance, re-housing, immunisation, control of food, water and sanitation are now taken for granted. It is only when they fail or falter that news is made.

Serious forms of infectious disease have almost been eliminated but not necessarily for all time. Any relaxation in our standards could have dire results. The effect of one dry summer on the public water-supply of a part of this divisional area was a gentle reminder to local councils of the perils of complacency. Perhaps it demonstrated too that in the running of vital public services failure to spend can prove shockingly extravagant!

The vital statistics of the district in 1959 - as of the division as a whole - give an overall picture of a healthy and prosperous community. They do not however reveal certain weaknesses so obvious to every worker in the fields of health and welfare. I refer, of course, to the two underprivileged classes of modern society, the aged and the mentally ill. With regard to the former the public conscience has at last been aroused and almost every local authority is spending more on preventive health services designed to assist elderly persons to live actively, healthily and happily in their own homes. The domiciliary health services - home nursing, domestic help, health visiting, warden schemes, chiropody, recuperative home treatment, etc. - are all being developed, expanded, or utilised more freely for the aged of the community. It is not always realised however that perhaps the most important health service for the aged is the provision of suitable housing.

Much more of the resources of our affluent society will have to be devoted to this end. The public will have to be persuaded to devote slightly less to the luxuries of current living in order to invest more in their own old age. The cost will not be insignificant -- except by comparison with the thousands of millions of pounds annually sacrificed on the altars of alcohol, tobacco, television and transport? History will assess our civilisation from our sense of values, not our taste for gadgets.

Similarly, the proper care of the mentally ill is dependent on the replacement of apathy, ignorance, superstition and prejudice, by sympathy, enlightenment, tolerance and genuine good will. The new Mental Health Act enables local health authorities to provide services for the care, within the community, of those suffering or recovering from mental disorder. Much is being planned in the way of training centres, hostels, intensified social work, closer liaison with hospitals and general practitioners, etc., but the success of these ventures will in the long run rest more on the public attitude towards the mentally afflicted than on the provisions of the Act.

As indicated in my opening paragraph my term of office with your authority is at an end though, as Deputy County Medical Officer my interest in your health will continue. My last and very pleasant function as your Medical Officer of Health is to thank you, members and officials alike, for the consistency of your support and the cordiality and warmth of your fellowship.

May I, in conclusion, also thank my hard-worked divisional staff for their devotion and loyalty, and the general practitioners of the division for their active co-operation, good-will and tolerance.

Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH LYONS,

Medical Officer of Health.

## SECTION 1.

### VITAL STATISTICS .

#### Statistics.

Area: 3,332 acres.

Population - Census 1951: 14,586

Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population, mid-1959: 14,630

No. of dwelling houses: 5,122

Rateable Value: £128,332 (as at 31.3.59)

Product of a Penny Rate: £439 (as at 31.3.59)

#### Summary of Vital Statistics.

	Total	M	F	
<u>Live Births:</u>				
Legitimate	243	130	113	Birthrate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 17.2
Illegitimate	9	3	6	
<u>Still Births:</u>				
Legitimate	7	4	3	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births 30.8
Illegitimate	1	1	-	
<u>Total Births</u>				
Legitimate	250	134	116	
Illegitimate	10	4	6	
<u>Deaths</u>	196	89	107	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 13.4

#### Maternal Mortality.

There were no maternal deaths.

#### Infantile Mortality.

Six infants under the age of twelve months died during 1959, giving an

infantile mortality rate of 23.8 per 1,000 births.

The following table gives the cause of death of these infants.

Cause of Death	No. of infants dying in				
	1st wk.	2nd wk.	3rd wk.	4th wk.	5-52 wks.
Prematurity	1	-	-	-	-
Congenital Deformity	-	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	2
Intestinal Obstruction	1	-	-	-	-
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1	-	-	-	-



CAUSES OF DEATH - OSSETT M.B.

Cause of Death	1957			1958			1959		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1. Tuberculosis of respiratory tract	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Diseases	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	2
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm - stomach	5	2	7	2	4	6	2	2	4
11. Malignant neoplasm - lung and bronchus	2	-	2	7	-	7	7	1	8
12. Malignant neoplasm - breast	-	2	2	-	3	3	-	1	1
13. Malignant neoplasm - uterus	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	4	4
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	7	11	7	6	13	12	8	20
15. Leukaemia and aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	1	1	-	2	2	2	3	5
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	16	26	42	11	21	32	10	21	31
18. Coronary disease - angina	16	9	25	20	13	33	16	14	30
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2	-	2	2	1	1	2
20. Other Heart Disease	10	15	25	9	11	20	8	22	30
21. Other Circulatory disease	2	7	9	5	6	11	3	6	9
22. Influenza	3	1	4	1	-	1	3	1	4
23. Pneumonia	5	3	8	1	1	2	4	5	9
24. Bronchitis	10	6	16	7	3	10	5	5	10
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1	1	1	2	1	-	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	2	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	2	2	2	-	2	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	5	7	4	5	9	4	1	5
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	2	1	3	3	-	3
34. All other accidents	3	1	4	-	1	1	1	4	5
35. Suicide	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	3
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total all Causes	81	91	172	82	84	166	89	107	196



PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1959

COMPARISON WITH

	Ossett M.B.	Morley M.B.	Horbury U.D.
Birth Rate (per 1,000 estimated population)	17.2	15.9	16.1
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	30.8	15.5	21.6
Death Rates (all per 1,000 estimated home population)			
All Causes	13.4	11.8	11.7
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	0.27	0.08	0.00
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	0.21	0.05	0.12
Other forms of tuberculosis	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cancer	2.53	2.28	1.18
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2.12	1.78	1.90
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	4.85	4.41	4.98
Respiratory disease (excluding tuberculosis of respiratory system)	1.64	1.43	1.30
Infant Mortality (deaths of infants under one year per 1,000 live births)	23.8	23.6	14.7
Maternal Mortality (deaths of mothers due to pregnancy or childbirth per 1,000 live and still births)	0.00	0.00	0.00

based on the Registrar-General's figures.

OTHER AREAS

Wakefield R.D.	Aggregate West Riding Urban Districts	West Riding Administrative County	England & Wales (Provisional Figures)
17.3	16.1	16.5	16.5
22.4	19.7	20.4	20.7
9.8	12.4	11.6	11.6
0.00	0.04	0.04	*
0.00	0.08	0.07	0.08
0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01
1.78	2.12	1.99	2.14
0.99	1.96	1.81	*
3.42	4.68	4.31	*
1.83	1.55	1.44	*
22.9	24.0	24.0	22.0
0.00	0.41	0.36	0.38

\* Figures not available

VITAL STATISTICS OVER

Year	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate	Maternal Mortality Rate	Tuberculosis Death Rate
1950	15.9	14.7	68.0	0.0	0.27
1951	15.4	16.0	26.9	0.0	0.28
1952	19.9	14.2	45.3	0.0	0.07
1953	15.8	12.2	8.7	0.0	0.21
1954	17.2	13.01	30.43	0.0	0.34
1955	15.3	12.6	9.3	0.0	0.34
1956	15.7	12.2	21.9	0.0	0.0
1957	17.2	11.9	16.1	0.0	0.0
1958	17.5	11.4	23.5	0.0	0.0
1959	17.2	13.4	23.8	0.0	0.21

TEN YEARS: 1950 - 1959

Infectious Diseases Death Rate (excluding Tuberculosis)	Cancer Death Rate	No. of Cases of		No. of Deaths	
		Scarlet Fever	Diphth- heria	Tuber- culosis (all forms)	Cancer of Lung & Bronchus
0.0	1.89	11	0	4	4
0.14	1.86	5	0	4	3
0.0	2.08	7	0	1	2
0.07	1.45	15	0	3	3
0.14	1.58	3	0	5	3
0.14	2.14	0	0	4	3
0.0	2.21	2	0	0	6
0.0	1.59	2	0	0	2
0.0	2.13	0	0	0	7
0.27	2.53	8	0	3	8

## SECTION 11.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

#### (a) HOSPITALS.

##### General Hospital Accommodation.

There are no hospitals in Ossett but reasonably adequate facilities are available in Wakefield, Dewsbury and Leeds, under the administration of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board.

##### Isolation Hospitals.

Patients with infectious disease may be admitted either to Snapethorpe Isolation Hospital, Wakefield, or to Seacroft Hospital, Leeds. The latter hospital admits all cases of acute poliomyelitis from this area.

##### Maternity Homes and Hospitals.

Maternity hospital facilities are available at several centres in the Dewsbury and Wakefield areas. Priority is given to abnormal cases and to mothers living in conditions unsuitable for domiciliary confinement. Many expectant mothers requiring hospital confinement are booked through the Divisional Health Office, this department being in a position to advise on social circumstances.

#### (b) AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The local ambulance service is provided by the West Riding County Council. There is no local depot, the nearest available depot for the district being Stanley Road, Wakefield, Telephone No. Wakefield 3731.

#### (c) LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Public Health Laboratory at Wood Street, Wakefield, (under the administration of the Medical Research Council of the Ministry of Health) accepts specimens for bacteriological, virological, entomological and chemical investigations from general practitioners and Public Health Department staff.



# S E C T I O N 111.

## I N F E C T I O U S D I S E A S E S.

### Summary of Notifications received during 1959.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u> <u>(corrected)</u>
Diphtheria     ...    ...    ...    ...    ...	-
Scarlet Fever   ...    ...    ...    ...    ...	8
Whooping Cough        ...    ...    ...    ...	25
Measles     ...    ...    ...    ...    ...	184
Dysentery    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis     ...    ...    ...	5
Other forms of Tuberculosis    ...    ...	1
Acute Poliomyelitis        ...    ...    ...	-
Food Poisoning        ...    ...    ...    ...	-
Puerperal Pyrexia     ...    ...    ...    ...	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum        ...    ...    ...	-
Smallpox        ...    ...    ...    ...    ...	-
Acute Pneumonia        ...    ...    ...    ...	4
Meningococcal Infection        ...    ...	-

### Tuberculosis Services.

A clinic is held daily at the Pinderfields General Hospital, Wakefield. Regular home supervision is carried out by the Health Visitors. Free milk, bedding, shelters, etc., are provided by the County Council at the discretion of the Divisional Medical Officer if recommended by the Consultant Chest Physician in charge of the Clinic. Close liaison with the Chest Clinic is maintained by the T.B. liaison Nurse who visits the Clinic every Tuesday.

The following table gives at a glance the position regarding tuberculosis in Ossett in 1959.

	Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Totals
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
No. on register on 1st January, 1959	26	20	46	3	9	12	58
No. of first notified during 1959	4	1	5	-	1	1	6
No. of cases restored to register	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases entered in register otherwise than by notification	4	2	6	-	-	-	6
No. removed from register during 1959							
(a) Died	3	-	3	-	-	-	3
(b) Removed from district	2	2	4	-	-	-	4
(c) Recovered	-	1	1	-	5	5	6
No. remaining on Register at 31st December, 1959	29	20	49	3	5	8	57

The number of new cases and the number of deaths notified during 1959 are given in detail in the following table:-

Age Period	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
45 - 64	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and over	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	4	1	-	1	3	-	-	-

## SECTION IV.

### W.R.C.C. PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.

#### (a) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

##### Infant Welfare.

Croft House, Ossett - Monday 2 - 4 p.m.  
Thursday 2 - 4 p.m.

##### Ante and Post-Natal.

Croft House, Ossett - Friday 2 - 4 p.m.  
Relaxation Classes - Wednesday 2 p.m.

##### School Clinic.

Croft House, Ossett - Tuesday 10 - 12 noon.  
Minor ailments daily 4 - 4.30 p.m.

##### Speech Therapy Clinic.

Croft House, Ossett - Friday 9.30 to 12 noon.

##### Ophthalmic Clinic.

Croft House, Ossett - 2nd Monday in each month - 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Smallpox Vaccination	}	Croft House, Ossett.
Diphtheria Immunisation		Infant Welfare Clinic
Whooping Cough Immunisation		as required.
Poliomyelitis Immunisation		By arrangement with Divisional Health Office.

#### (b) CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.

##### Ante-natal Services.

Clinic	Total No. of women who attended	Total Attendances
Croft House, Ossett	92	330

166 Attendances were made at the Relaxation Classes.

## Child Welfare,

Clinic	Sessions per month	No. of children who attended		Total attendances made by children	
		Under 1 year	2 - 5 years	Under 1 year	2 - 5 years
Croft House, Ossett	8	166	216	3895	1628

Average attendance per session - 58.

### Home Visiting by Health Visitors.

#### No. of Ante-Natal Visits:-

First visits ... .. 43

Subsequent visits ... .. 47

#### No. of visits to children under 1 year:

First visits ... .. 239

Subsequent visits ... .. 489

No. of visits to children 1 - 5 years: 794

Special Visits: ... .. 1687

Total Home Visits 3299

### The Care of Premature Infants.

Weight at Birth	No. of Premature Babies		No. Dying	No. Surviving 28 days
	Born Alive	Born Dead		
Under 2½ lbs.	-	1	-	-
2½ - 3 lbs.	-	1	-	-
3 - 3½ lbs.	1	-	1	-
3½ - 4 lbs.	-	1	-	-
4 - 4½ lbs.	1	-	-	1
4½ - 5 lbs.	2	-	-	2
5 - 5½ lbs.	10	-	-	10
Total	14	3	1	13

Special equipment (premature baby cot, oxygen, etc.) is available for use in the home where necessary.



### The Care of Illegitimate Children.

Every effort is made to find a suitable home for the baby either with the mother or with the grandparents.

Special advice about legal adoption is given if this is desired.

The mothers are seen in the home by the Health Visitor and encouraged to attend the Infant Welfare Clinic regularly.

### Provision of Welfare Foods etc.

Most proprietary brands of milk and other infant foods are sold at the Child Welfare Clinic for the convenience of mothers and special brands of milk are ordered where necessary.

Welfare cod liver oil, orange juice, vitamin A and D tablets, and National Dried Milk are also distributed at the Child Welfare Clinics.

### Provision of Maternity Outfits.

These are provided to mothers preparing for confinement in their own homes.

## (c) PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

### Home Nursing.

The County Council is responsible for the home nursing service in Ossett, the two whole-time nurses being resident in their own homes.

Cases Attended	No. of individual patients	Total number of visits made
Medical Conditions	178	4911
Surgical Conditions	45	1221
Tuberculosis	6	261
Infectious Disease	-	-
Maternity	-	-
Total	229	6393

### Midwifery.

Three whole-time midwives (resident in their own homes) were employed by the County Council to serve the Borough of Ossett during 1959.

The following table shows the number of Ossett women confined in hospital,



private nursing homes, or delivered by midwives and private practitioners in Ossett or elsewhere so far as has been ascertained.

	No.	Percentage
No. delivered in hospital	140	53.8%
No. delivered in private nursing homes	3	1.2%
No. delivered by Midwives	117	45.0%
No. delivered by Doctors (including difficult cases met with by midwives in their practice where a doctor had to be called for to effect delivery).	-	-
Total (including stillbirths) so far as has been ascertained	260	100%

During 1959 the practising midwives summoned medical assistance to 16 mothers and 6 infants. Medical aid was sent for on account of the following conditions:-

Mothers		Infants	
Cause	No.	Cause	No.
Ruptured Perineum	8	Prematurity	3
Prolonged Labour	1	Other Conditions	3
Haemorrhage	2		
Other Conditions	5		
Total	16		6

#### Emergency Obstetric Unit.

The 'flying squad' attached to Staincliffe General Hospital, Dewsbury, is available for obstetric emergencies occurring within the Borough.

#### Analgesia.

All midwives are trained in the administration of gas and air analgesia and provided with the necessary equipment. Analgesia is available to all mothers desiring it subject to satisfactory medical examination by a doctor. 94 women received gas and air analgesia during 1959.

#### (d) HEALTH VISITING.

In pursuance of the National Health Service Act the scope of this

service includes home visiting for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of children, and persons (including adults) suffering from illness, and of expectant and nursing mothers. The Health Visitor also gives advice in the home as to measures necessary to prevent the spread of infection.

(e) HOME HELPS.

In accordance with the National Health Service Act, the County Council provide domestic help for households "where such help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age".

During 1959, 135 cases were attended by home helps as compared with 130 in the previous year, and the total number of hours worked was 13,635½.

Assistance was provided for the following types of cases:-

	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Maternity	11	575
Tuberculosis	2	303
Aged and Chronic Sick	110	11970½
Others	12	787
	<u>135</u>	<u>13635½</u>

(f) CARE AND AFTER CARE.

Special provisions are in operation for the care and after care of patients suffering from tuberculosis, mental illness or defect, venereal disease and other illnesses.

(g) MENTAL HEALTH.

Ossett has the part-time services of a Mental Health Social Worker, who is largely concerned with the care of mentally defective patients under statutory supervision and guardianship, and those patients who, having been discharged from Detention Order in Institution, have elected to receive voluntary supervision at home. She also undertakes pre-care and after-care of patients suffering from mental illness.

The Mental Health Social Worker carries out her duties in close liaison with the Mental Hospitals and Mental Deficiency Institutions, and with those statutory and voluntary bodies concerned with social welfare generally.

Every effort is made to rehabilitate the higher grade defectives, and secure suitable employment for them in local industry and domestic service.

Summary of Cases under Supervision under the  
Mental Deficiency Acts 31st December, 1959.

	Under 16 years of age		Over 16 years of age		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Under Statutory Supervision	7	1	4	4	16
Under Voluntary Supervision	-	-	-	1	1
Care and After Care, Section 28 N.H.S.	-	-	1	-	1
	7	1	5	5	18
Attending Occupation Centre	7	1	-	2	10
Employed full-time: Statutory Supervision	-	-	3	1	4
Voluntary Supervision	-	-	-	1	1
Care and After Care	-	-	1	-	1
Occupied with household duties: Statutory Supervision	-	-	1	1	2
	7	1	5	5	18
Cases in Institution (approx. only)	2	1	8	5	16
Awaiting admission to Institution	-	-	1	-	1
	2	1	9	5	17
Mental After Care			1	1	2

(h) SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Number of school departments in district	...	...	...	...	11
Number of children in attendance at school at the end of 1959					2646
Number of children examined at school during 1959	...	...			869

(This figure being made up as follows):-



Entrants ... ..	233
7 - 8 years group ... ..	-
Last Year Primary ... ..	130
Leavers ... ..	240
Re-examinations ... ..	8
Special examinations ... ..	158

General physical condition of pupils examined:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Entrants ... ..	233	-
7 - 8 years group ... ..	-	-
Last Year Primary ... ..	130	-
Leavers ... ..	240	-
No. of defects found to require treatment:		70
No. of defects found requiring to be kept under observation:		81

Cleanliness Inspections.

The School Nurse attends every school department at frequent intervals throughout the year to examine the children for uncleanly and verminous conditions. Where such conditions exist, parents are informed and are instructed in the application of an effective remedy. Warnings are issued in cases of non-compliance and statutory action taken where there is a persistent default.

School	No. of children examined	No. of individuals found to be infested	Percentage of individuals infested
Ossett County Secondary	693	18	2.5%
Dimple Wells Infants	123	2	1.6%
Holy Trinity Junior			
Mixed and Infants	290	6	2.0%
Gawthorpe Junior Mixed	202	7	3.4%
Gawthorpe Infants	114	6	5.2%
South Ossett C. of E.	270	6	2.2%
Flushdyke C.P.	190	5	2.6%
Spa Street C.P.	125	4	3.2%
St. Ignatius R.C.	139	-	0.0%
Ossett Grammar *	360	-	0.0%

\* Lower four forms only.

### Minor Ailment Clinic.

1,226 attendances were made at the minor ailment clinic during the year.

### Paediatric Clinic.

Cases are referred to Dr. Pickup at Wakefield General Hospital or to Dr. Roberts at Dewsbury General Hospital, as required.

### Ophthalmic Clinic.

Sessions held.	No. of refractions.	Prescribed spectacles
22	199	83

### Orthopaedic Clinic.

2 children made 3 attendances during the year. These children attend the clinic held at the Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield.

### (i) IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION.

In accordance with the National Health Service Act, immunisation and vaccination may be done either at the clinic or by the family doctor.

### Diphtheria Immunisation.

Number of children in Ossett who completed a full course of diphtheria immunisation in 1959:-

Age	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 14	Total
Began and completed injections 1959	151	35	41	227
Immunised in previous years, re-treated in 1959	-	-	224	224

### Whooping Cough Vaccination.

The Local Health Authority's Scheme operates in this area and vaccinations under the scheme have been carried out as in previous years from 1952. Vaccination against whooping cough is available under the County Council's Scheme only to infants and children up to the age of 4 years.



Number of children in Ossett who completed a full course of whooping cough vaccinations during 1959:-

Age at final injection	Under 6 months	6 months to 1 yr.	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	3 - 4 years	Total
No. vaccinated	72	88	7	6	1	174

During the year there were 25 notified cases of whooping cough. None of the children concerned had completed a full course of vaccination.

#### Immunisation against Tetanus.

Number of children in Ossett who completed a full course of immunisation against tetanus in 1959:-

Age at final injection	Under 1 year	1 - 2 yrs	2 - 3 yrs	3 - 4 yrs	4 - 5 yrs	5 - 10 yrs	10 - 15 yrs	Total
No. immunised	142	20	15	7	9	136	113	442

#### Vaccination against Smallpox.

During the year 31 people were vaccinated against smallpox, 24 of whom were under one year of age.

Additionally 5 people were re-vaccinated.

#### B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis.

This scheme was approved by the Ministry of Health. The immunising vaccine to be used was B.C.G. and the selected age-group was that of children in their fourteenth year. This group was chosen for certain approved reasons, one being the further year in school during which observation and supervision could be kept over the child, and also the desirability of affording protection to adolescents in the early years of their employment in industry and elsewhere. This scheme was put into operation in Ossett in 1955.

Vaccination was offered to all children in this age-group in the period under review and acceptance is voluntary.

The following table is a summary of the work carried out in the year:-

School	No. of consents	No. of children Mantoux tested	No. with positive reaction	No. with negative reaction	No. receiving vaccination
Ossett County Secondary	44	39	7	32	32
Ossett Grammar School	72	72	10	51	51
St. Ignatius	7	7	3	4	4
Total	123	118	20	87	87

B.C.G. Vaccination is also available at the Local Chest Clinic for ascertained contacts of cases of tuberculosis and in certain other cases.

#### Vaccination against Poliomyelitis.

Early in January of this year, the Minister of Health announced the extension of the above scheme to include all persons born on or after the 1st January, 1933, and a number of priority groups. With the obvious probability that the majority of this new group would be in full daytime employment, the West Riding County Council agreed to the arranging of evening sessions at convenient centres in this Division and the Welfare Clinic, Croft House, Ossett, was chosen to meet the needs of the Borough. In addition an approach was made to a number of factories in the Borough, and the response was such that it was considered advisable to arrange special sessions at some of these factories.

Number of persons receiving two injections: 1292

Number of persons receiving a boosting dose: 1937

BOROUGH OF OSSETT

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

## P R E F A C E .

The report covers the calendar year 1959 except for that section devoted to Refuse Collection and Disposal in which the financial year ended 31st March, 1960, is reviewed.

The inability to fill the vacant post of Additional Public Health Inspector, despite eighteen months of continued advertising, has resulted in curtailment of the Department's activities to dealing with the most urgent of day to day matters, a reduction in routine visits, and the impossibility of progress in Smoke Control Areas.

The refuse collection staff have once again maintained a weekly collection throughout the year, and have successfully contended with the ever increasing volume of refuse, resulting no doubt from the improvement of packaging of goods of all descriptions, the bulk of which finds its way into the dustbin where it is unsuitable for salvage.

The waiting list of applicants for Council houses was reviewed towards the end of the year. The final figures showed that the demand for two and three bedroomed houses now varies little from year to year, whilst that for single bedroom accommodation continues to increase.

I would tender my sincere thanks to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their help and understanding, to the Medical Officer of Health and officials of the Council for their advice and assistance, and finally to the staff of this Department for loyal service to the Council and tactful administration of the duties delegated to them.

H.W. MYCOCK,

Chief Public Health Inspector.



## H O U S I N G

### New Houses completed.

Private construction:	67
Council construction:	29
	<u>96</u>

### Overcrowding.

New cases of overcrowding are continually being found, and despite every effort to abolish overcrowding within the Borough there still remain a small number of families in this category.

Details of action taken to abate overcrowding, and of the position at the year end are given below:-

Cases of overcrowding abated:	17
New cases discovered during year:	12
Total cases outstanding at 31st December:	12
Families involved -	12
Number of persons -	54

### Slum Clearance.

During the year one Clearance Order was made involving eleven houses in Sandbed Terrace, Wakefield Road.

In addition, eleven individual demolition orders were made. Alternative housing accommodation was offered to the tenants of houses subject to either Clearance or Demolition Orders.

Statistics dealing with this subject are included in the tables at the end of the report.

### Housing Applications - Waiting List.

All applicants were approached during November and asked if they still desired to obtain accommodation in Council owned property.

Details of the numbers on the waiting list at the 31st December, 1959, are as follows:-

Applications List at 31st December, 1959.

		<u>Size of house required</u>		
		<u>2 B.R.</u>	<u>3 B.R.</u>	
<u>Priority Groups.</u>				
Statutory overcrowding	(Category A)	3	7	
Moral overcrowding	(Category B)	13	16	
Lodgings	(Category C)	9	4	
Total in Priority Groups:		25	27	52
<u>Non-Priority Groups.</u>				
General Applications	(Category E)	104	14	118
Outside Applications	(Total)	44		44
<u>Single bedroom bungalows</u>		138		138
<u>Total Waiting List:</u>				<u>352</u>
Waiting List at 31st December, 1958:				315

# MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

## Meat Inspection.

No. of Licensed Slaughterhouses: 4

The following table gives details of carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:-

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed	1773	58	24	6027	3208	1
Number inspected	1768	58	24	6027	3208	1
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned:	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned:	69	4	-	16	53	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis & cysticerci:	3.90	6.89	-	0.27	1.68	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned:	60	2	-	-	29	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis:	3.39	3.44	-	-	0.90	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned:	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses admitted to treatment by refrigeration:	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned:	-	-	-	-	-	-

Set out below are details of animals and organs found to be unfit:-

					<u>Tuberculosis</u>	<u>Other Causes</u>
<u>Carcases and all organs.</u>						
Pigs	...	...	...	...	-	1
<u>Part Carcases.</u>						
Bovine	...	...	...	...	30 lbs.	20 lbs.
<u>Heads and Tongues.</u>						
Bovine	...	...	...	...	28	14
Pigs	...	...	...	...	29	3
<u>Lungs.</u>						
Bovine	...	...	...	...	38	7
Pigs	...	...	...	...	-	33
Sheep	...	...	...	...	-	9
<u>Livers.</u>						
Bovine	...	...	...	...	18	51
Pigs	...	...	...	...	-	11
Sheep	...	...	...	...	-	6
<u>Mesentry.</u>						
Bovine	...	...	...	...	4	-
<u>Plucks.</u>						
Pigs	...	...	...	...	-	1
<u>Hearts.</u>						
Bovine	...	...	...	...	4	1
Pigs	...	...	...	...	-	4
<u>Udders.</u>						
Bovine	...	...	...	...	-	6
<u>Spleen.</u>						
Bovine	...	...	...	...	1	-
<u>Kidneys.</u>						
Bovine	...	...	...	...	1	2
Sheep	...	...	...	...	-	1



The quality of animals slaughtered in the Borough continues to be good, and the proportion of cows slaughtered low.

### Disposal of Unsound Meat.

Small quantities of unsound meat are destroyed by burning. Larger quantities, after staining, are sold to waste recovery merchants, the proceeds of the sale being retained by the butcher.

### Other Foods.

The following table gives details of food surrendered and destroyed. The greater part of the unsound tinned meats were surrendered by wholesale distributors.

Description				Tins or Containers	Weight lbs. ozs.	
<u>Tinned Food.</u>						
	Fish	...	...	8	4	14
	Fruit	...	...	71	319	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Meat	...	...	725	4946	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Milk	...	...	7	7	-
	Vegetables		...	52	41	10
	Soup	...	...	2	1	15
	Cream	...	...	2	-	12
<u>Other Foods.</u>						
	Bacon	...	...		2	8
	Butter & Margarine				4	8
	Fish	...	...		80	-
	Boiled Ham		...		6	4
	Corned Beef		...		-	12
	Sausage	...	...		2	-
				867	5417	12 (2 tons 8 cwts. 1 qr. 13 lbs. 12 ozs.)

## Milk.

Licences issued during the year include the following:-

Pasteurised and T.T. ... ..	17
Pasteurised (only) ... ..	1
Supplementary Pasteurised and T.T. ...	5
Sterilised ... ..	33
Supplementary Sterilised ... ..	3
	<hr/>
	59

## Food Hygiene Regulations.

It was not found necessary to institute legal proceedings under these regulations during the year.

A summary of the number of food premises in the area is set out below:-

Catering establishments ...	14
Bakehouses ... ..	10
Other Food Shops ... ..	117
Ice-cream retailers ...	48
Sausage, Potted or Preserved Food Manufacturers ...	6
No. of inspections made to food premises excluding Slaughterhouses	53

## A T M O S P H E R I C P O L L U T I O N .

Despite an overall decrease in the emission of smoke from industrial plants, there are still certain boiler plants which are a cause of concern. In the main these are obsolescent and are extremely difficult to operate in such a way as to meet both the steam demands of the factory and at the same time comply with the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations.

No. of smoke observations ... .. (of $\frac{1}{2}$ hour duration)	32
No. of factory chimneys ... ..	27
No. of contraventions of Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations ...	6

### Prosecution.

A plea of guilty was entered by the defendants at the hearing in respect of two contraventions of the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations. A fine of £1 was awarded for each offence.

### Colliery Spoilbanks.

The spoilbanks at both Roundwood and Shawcross have continued to burn. Little nuisance has arisen during the year, sealing at both collieries continuing to be effective.

## I N F E S T A T I O N   C O N T R O L .

### RATS AND MICE

#### Sewers.

The routine test baiting revealed little infestation.

#### Surface Control.

The routine treatments of Corporation properties were carried out as follows:-

Spa Sewage Works	... ..	2
Healey Sewage Works	...	1
Pildacre Tip	... ..	4

Other premises treated were as follows:-

	Rats First Treatment	Mice First Treatment
Dwelling houses	12	11
Business premises	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>

### OTHER VERMIN.

During the year the following treatments for other vermin were carried out:-

<u>Type of infestation</u>	<u>No. of premises treated</u>
Fleas	2
Cockroaches	4 (re-treatments were carried out in three of these premises)
Bugs	2



## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

### Staff.

The staff employed on refuse collection and disposal is as follows:-

Loaders:	10
Drivers:	3
Paper Balers:	2

### Sickness and Absenteeism.

Voluntary absenteeism amongst the staff continues to be low. Time lost through sickness and injuries is somewhat higher than in 1958/59. Temporary replacements for absent staff were obtained from the Highways Department as necessary to maintain the weekly collection. It was necessary for medical reasons to terminate the services of a member of the collection staff.

Six of the staff had not been admitted to the sickness payment scheme at the end of the year.

Details of sickness and absenteeism during the past three years are given below:-

	<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1958-59</u>	<u>1959-60</u>
Absenteeism (Man hours)	292 $\frac{3}{4}$	332 $\frac{3}{4}$	296 $\frac{1}{4}$
Sickness and Injuries (Man hours)	4,025 $\frac{1}{4}$	2,974 $\frac{1}{4}$	3,664
	<u>4,318</u>	<u>3,307<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	<u>3,960<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></u>

Amount paid under Sickness Payment Scheme:- £278. 10. 2d

### Collection Period.

A weekly collection has been maintained throughout the year except for slight delays in winter during inclement weather.

Waste is collected from foodshops twice weekly.

### Transport.

Delivery was taken of a 'Dual Tip' 12 cu.yard refuse collection vehicle at the beginning of June. The increased capacity of the vehicle over its predecessor has been of great assistance in maintaining the weekly collection period. The volume of refuse removed continues to increase annually, the increase being particularly noticeable in the Smoke Control area.

Vehicles at present in use are a 7 cu.yard petrol engined Karrier Bantam,



a 12 cu.yard side loading diesel engined Karrier Gamecock, and a 12 cu.yard Dual-Tip diesel engined Karrier Bantam.

### Disposal.

Refuse disposal is by controlled tipping at a quarry associated with the old brickworks at Pildacre. Levelling is carried out mechanically.

### Salvage.

Details of salvage sold during the year are given below:-

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Waste Paper	122	17	1	-
Scrap Metal	11	13	1	7
	134	10	2	7
Total gross income:	£1,017. 13. 8d			

### Costs. (Refuse Collection and Disposal)

	£
Wages, Insurance and Superannuation ...	7965
Haulage (including Licences and Insurance)	670
Tip Levelling - Hire of Plant ... ..	395
Rent, Rates and Taxes ... ..	160
Protective clothing ... ..	80
Implements and Materials ... ..	74
Contributions to Vehicle Renewal ... ..	700
Loan Charges ... ..	87
Depot Maintenance ... ..	392
Gross Costs	£10,523
Income from Rents, Salvage, etc. ... ..	1,403
Nett Cost	£9,120
Total estimated tonnage for the year ...	5,670
Cost per ton (nett) ... ..	£1. 12. 2d
Nett cost per 1,000 premises ... ..	£1,488. 9. 10d
Nett cost per premise per week ... ..	6.9d
Nett cost per 1,000 population ... ..	£624. 13. 1d

Provision of Dustbins.

Total cost for the year	...	...	...	£642.	0.	0d
Cost per house per year	...	...	...		2.	6d

Cesspool Emptying.

Total cost for the year	...	...	...	£78.	0.	0d
Number of cesspools	...	...	...			8
Cost per cesspool per annum	...	...	...	£9.	15.	0d

# S T A T I S T I C S - H O U S I N G .

No. of dwelling houses in the district ... ..	5122
No. of back-to-back included in above ... ..	281
No. not in all respects reasonably fit ... ..	50
No. of houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	26

## Formal Notices requiring defects to be remedied:

Public Health Acts ... ..	2
No. remedied by Owner ... ..	2
No. remedied by Local Authority in default of owner ...	-

## Section 16 - Housing Act, 1957:

No. of representations made in respect of unfit houses ...	11
No. of demolition orders made ... ..	11
No. of houses demolished ... ..	34
No. of Council owned houses demolished ... ..	1
No. of undertakings accepted ... ..	1
No. of persons displaced from individual unfit houses ...	22
(No. of families involved)	6

## Part 3 of Housing Act, 1957:

No. of clearance areas represented during year ... ..	1
No. of houses included in above ... ..	11
No. of persons to be displaced ... ..	35
No. of compulsory purchase orders made ... ..	Nil
No. of houses in clearance areas demolished ... ..	105
No. of persons displaced from houses in clearance areas	22
(No. of families involved)	6

## Rent Act, 1957:

No. of applications for certificates of disrepair ...	1
No. of decisions to issue certificates -	
(a) in respect of some but not all defects ... ..	1
(b) in respect of all defects ... ..	2
No. of undertakings given by landlords ... ..	3
No. of undertakings refused ... ..	-
No. of certificates of disrepair issued ... ..	-

## Applications for cancellation of certificates of disrepair:

Applications by landlord for cancellation ... ..	-
Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates ...	-
Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of	
tenants objections ... ..	-
Certificates cancelled by Local Authority ... ..	2

# S T A T I S T I C S .

## I N S P E C T I O N S   A N D   I M P R O V E M E N T S .

### Closet Accommodation.

No. of privies with covered middens	...	...	...	20
No. of pail or tub closets	...	...	...	8
No. of waste water (tippler) closets	...	...	...	14
No. of trough closets	...	...	...	17

### Ashes Accommodation.

No. of ashpits in connection with privies	...	...	16
No. of dustbins replaced	...	...	456

### Classified Statement of Inspections.

Public Health Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	263
Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	164
Inspection of Council houses	...	...	...	...	...	54
Visits re accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	3
Applicants for Council houses	...	...	...	...	...	154
Animals and Birds	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	10
Boiler houses	...	...	...	...	...	5
Conversions	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	3
Factories - Mechanical Power	...	...	...	...	...	3
Food preparing premises	...	...	...	...	...	3
General food premises	...	...	...	...	...	20
Infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	...	7
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ice-cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	1
Meatshops	...	...	...	...	...	16
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	34
Mortuary	...	...	...	...	...	6
Offensive trade premises	...	...	...	...	...	1
Piggeries	...	...	...	...	...	5
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	6
Refuse Collection	...	...	...	...	...	155
Rent Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	2
Salvage	...	...	...	...	...	35
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	772
Smoke Control Areas	...	...	...	...	...	20
Smoke observations	...	...	...	...	...	37
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	3
Tips	...	...	...	...	...	97
Verminous premises	...	...	...	...	...	24
Vermin - Rats & Mice:-						
	Business premises	...				5
	Corporation premises					3
	Dwelling houses	...				3

Total inspections:

1,918



## Drainage.

Drainage work inspected	...	...	...	...	...	8
Existing drains -						
(a) Colour tests	...	...	...	...	...	29
(b) Other tests	...	...	...	...	...	6

## Sanitary Improvements made and Defects remedied.

### (a) Dwelling houses.

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Plaster repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Rendered free from dampness	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
External walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sash cords renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Fireplaces repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sinks renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Waste pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other defects remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

### (b) Water Closets.

New pedestals provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Provided with sufficient water supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Cisterns repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

### (c) Drains.

Reconstructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Gullies provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

## Summary.

Informal notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	46
Informal notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	85
Statutory notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	2
Statutory notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	2



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1959 FOR THE  
BOROUGH OF OSSETT IN THE COUNTY OF YORKSHIRE

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises  (1)	Number on Register  (2)	Number of		
		Inspections  (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	21	15	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	120	93	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	4	-	-
Total	145	112	1	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted  (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	-	-	1	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
Total	2	1	-	1	-



PART V111 OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing apparel } Making etc., Cleaning and Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household linen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, lace cur- tains and nets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains and furniture hang- ings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and upholstery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electro-plate	-	-	-	-	-	-
File making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brass and brass articles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fur pulling	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron and steel cables and chains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels	-	-	-	-	-	-

PART V111 OF THE ACT (Cont.)

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Cart gear	-	-	-	-	-	-
Locks, latches and keys	-	-	-	-	-	-
Umbrellas, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Artificial flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nets, other than wire nets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tents	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sacks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Racquet and tennis balls	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paper bags	-	-	-	-	-	-
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brush making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pea picking	-	-	-	-	-	-

PART V111 OF THE ACT (Cont.)

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Feather sorting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carding, etc., of buttons etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stuffed toys	-	-	-	-	-	-
Basket making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chocolates and sweetmeats	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cosaques, Christmas stock- ings, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Textile weaving	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lampshades	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-







